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The Cenotaph in Haliburton. / Terrance Gavan

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Dedicated to our men and women in the Canadian Forces

MNR may move base to Stanhope

By Terrance Gavan

We have an 800-word press release and a commitment. But we won't know for a while whether the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) will move their fire base from Haliburton to Stanhope Airport in Algonquin Highlands.

Algonquin Highlands held a four-hour discussion on Monday (Nov 7) at a closed Special Meeting. Council received "a comprehensive update on the technical and engineering details contained in the existing Business Vision adopted by the previous Council in 2007, as well as a review of the MNR's operational requirements as outlined in a meeting held on November 2 where ministry consultants revealed an architectural footprint of their proposed location."

Accordingly, the Township of Algonquin Highlands announced its "commitment to facilitating the relocation of the Ministry of Natural Resources' North East Region Fire Management Headquarters to the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport."

Reeve Carol Moffatt said, "(Monday's) council discussion and decisions follow ten months of speculation, discussion and meetings about bringing realistic development to the airport. We've had a variety of irons in the fire for some time

now and it's taken this long to consolidate them into something council could actually discuss and evaluate."

Apparently, this approval of council's intent and investment is required before the MNR can finalize its investigation into the proposed lands. "Those operational requirements include parking for staff and MNR fleet vehicles, shipping & receiving, a one-story building and an apron to accommodate two helicopters and two Twin Otters," said the Algonquin Highlands release. "Year round staffing will be from six to eight persons with 54 seasonal jobs for firefighting crews. Ministry site preparation is expected to begin in the fall of 2012, with construction slated to begin in April of 2013."

Council says that, "a formal contract between the Township and the MNR is anticipated following the completion of the final investigation of the proposed lands."

The project stems from council's search for an alternative to a highly controversial 4,000 foot runway at Stanhope Airport. The Township received a \$2 million Build Canada Fund grant ostensibly for construction of that runway. Local cottagers rallied against it and during elections last fall a number of the candidates vowed to revisit the issue if elected.

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"Council began seeking alternatives to the controversial runway project following the first formal meeting requested by the MNR in January 2011," reports Algonquin Highlands.

In response, Reeve Moffatt requested a delegation with the provincial Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, at the annual ROMA/OGRA conference in February 2011.

"Minister Chiarelli and then-MPP Rick Johnson supported in principle a redirection of the funds at that time, and we also had exploratory discussions with MP Barry Devolin about the federal appetite for changing the scope of the project," said Moffatt. "We've been working toward being able to make formal requests to both levels

of government since then."

Council reports that several information-gathering meetings and discussions were held with legal counsel, Todd Brothers Contracting, government officials, and the Township's engineering consultant Mike Osborne.

"We don't have a contract just yet but we're confident that the MNR is committed to relocating to the Stanhope Airport and we're coming to the table

with what we have to offer that can facilitate that move," said Moffatt.

"The MNR's request to get on the land for its testing came sooner than expected, so the Special Meeting allowed Council members to review and assimilate the information from various meetings and ensure they were comfortable with it. It was an excellent discussion and while there are still many details to sort out, Council members are excited about the opportunity ahead."

After the meeting Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen said she was "thrilled" with being so close to reaching an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources. "I have my fingers crossed that the steps we agreed to take today could help to cement a new and long term relationship with them. I'm very pleased that Council has set a new direction and am looking forward to continuing the planning process for an airport that can, if we plan properly, operate in a much more cost-effective way and even flourish."

Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson also expressed his pleasure at moving forward. "Having the MNR as a major client at the airport will benefit future economic development in Algonquin Highlands without the need to build an additional runway. It appears that we can still preserve our current funding partnership with both provincial and federal levels of government to achieve this goal. I feel it should be viewed as a good thing."

The Special Meeting of Council also included a review of the site plan contained in the Business Vision, clarification of a \$15,000 grant received from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) toward a development plan for the airport, and a long list of questions from Councilors.



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LEST WE FORGET

The Executive and Membership of the Royal Canadian Legion, Douglas C. Hatch Branch 624 Wilberforce, would like to honour the memory of all those who gave themselves to the service of their country. Many Veterans are still with us and we treasure them for their efforts. Many did not return to us and each November 11th we honour their memory.

Men and Women gave everything for their country and for its citizens to ensure the rights and freedoms we enjoy today.

GOD BLESS THEM ALL!!





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Highlands East

Support sought for Artists in the Schools

Gail Stelter is looking for municipal support for the Artists in the Schools Program.

Stelter attended the Highlands East council meeting Tuesday, November 8 to explain the importance of the program and ask the municipality to consider sponsoring a workshop to help children learn through the arts.

Last year the program brought local artists to 25 classrooms across the county to teach various forms of art to the children. Financial restraints have reduced the number of classroom visits to 14 in 2011.

Stelter said the program has a double benefit. It helps educate the county's young people and, at the same time, provides some work for local artists.

Haliburton County has 300 artists registered in the Arts Council. "Artists are part of our creative economy and artists don't make a lot of money," Stelter said. "Part of our goal is to create work for the artists in our county. More importantly, we have children who need the program."

Stelter cited statistics that show one in five children in the county live below the poverty level. She said many parents can't afford to provide arts experiences for their children and the Arts in the Schools program is a way the children can benefit from art instruction.

The maximum cost to sponsor a workshop is \$1,200. Stelter said a total of 47 workshops are available, providing a variety of art media instruction.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board provides some funding and Stelter said she is in the process of applying for funding from other sources as well.

"I believe in this program," Stelter, said.

Council members agreed that the program is worthwhile and promised to consider some sort of support during budget deliberations for 2012. Reeve Dave Burton said there is no guarantee, but the proposal will be considered.

OCWA services proposal

Representatives from the Ontario Clean Water Agency made a presentation outlining the services it can supply regarding the operation of the four water and waste-water facilities within the Municipality of Highlands East.

Sales representative David O'Connell explained the benefits of a partnership between the township and OCWA. He noted that OCWA is a provincially-owned company that provides services on a cost-recovery basis. There are no external shareholders so the need to generate a profit is not there. OCWA is mandated by the province to operate on the basis of full cost-recovery (non-profit).

One full-time staff member would be hired and the full cost of OCWA's services, including staff, would be nearly \$220,000 per year. O'Connell suggested a five year, fixed price term for the contract.

Council did not make any commitment at Tuesday's meeting

Habitat for Humanity

Councilor Steven Kauffeldt, chair of the Housing Committee, said a meeting with representatives from Habitat for Humanity had some positive results. The closest chapter of the organization is in Peterborough, and Kauffeldt said that Highlands East is normally outside its jurisdiction.

"We asked what action items would be needed to make a strong proposal to the Peterborough Habitat Chapter," he said. "They said we needed a letter of commitment from council, letters of support from the provincial MPP and federal MP would be helpful, a list of lands and services provided by the municipality, and details on making this a joint project between participants and support from contractors and suppliers."

A resolution was passed to establish a relationship with Habitat for Humanity of Peterborough for the purpose of providing housing units for the Municipality of Highlands East, with the Housing Committee acting as project team for an Adopt A Home Program. Kauffeldt will be project leader on behalf of the municipality.

"There's no guarantee," Kauffeldt said. "My hope is that if we make it as easy as possible for them to get their first home into our municipality, that other homes will follow quickly."

Editorial opinion



Remembrance means more than tears, pipers and pomp

By Stephen Patrick, Editor

In this Canadian's lifetime there have been very few shifts in public opinion more profound than the ebb and flow of our regard and respect for the Canadian military. I was born in 1945, just after the end of WWII, but my childhood and youth were profoundly influenced by that terrible conflict. At first, the pride and gratitude for our troops extraordinary war record was unabashed. But as the 1950s and 1960s wore on, historians and journalists laid bare the full horror of the Holocaust (and our own 1930s collusion with German anti-Semitism), exposed the horrible details of the Hong Kong POW camps, the unthinkable reality of Hiroshima, the terrible suffering of the Russians, the brutal Soviet "liberation" of Berlin, and the controversial firebombing and annihilation of Dresden by Canadian and British forces.

Public opinion turned from a revulsion with war itself into at best a kind of muted tolerance of our own military. Compulsory "Cadets" in high school fell out of favour and individuals who wanted a military career were scorned. War – and soldiers themselves – were seen as obscene extensions of the "American Empire" or General Eisenhower's famous "military-industrial complex," sources of evil all. Viet Nam was seared into our consciousness: the military and venal politicians were to blame.

Even the Royal Canadian Legion, long a symbol of community pride and community support, became in the public's eye, just another joke about drunken old men.

But over the last decade, perhaps due to the bravery, professionalism, and sacrifice of our troops in support of the oppressed and in opposition to tyranny in both Bosnia and Afghanistan, public regard for the Canadian Forces is at a level only dreamed of just a few years ago.

This regard, however, has not been shared in any practical way by the very governments who order these men and women to risk their lives in the hell-holes of the world's wars. The politicians are the very first to take credit for the victories and to publicly mourn the sacrifice, which is nothing new. (An aside: I read a quote from an old vet the other day re the poppy campaign: "Anytime I see someone wearing a poppy more than 10 days before the 11th I know it's either a politician or a TV person.")

But the treatment of our Veterans by this and past governments is more than shameful: it's a disgrace and a travesty. Colonel P.B. Stogran (Rt) is Canada's former Veteran's Ombudsman. Last year he produced a damning report that described in detail just how vets and their families suffer under the thumb of a cold-hearted and remote bureaucracy. Colonel Stogran even goes far enough to claim that "Senior bureaucrats wield tremendous power and influence in government, yet remain anonymous from Veterans ... Not only do many of their current ... imperatives actually violate legislation ... [but] it seems that a distinct and deliberate effort has been made to step away from the people's and the government's acknowledged obligation towards Veterans."

This treatment is evidenced every day by those returning from Afghanistan, some with missing limbs, many with profound psychological disorders, and hundreds whose lives have been forever changed in the various theatres of war. Surely all Canadians who hold the military in such high respect have an obligation to lobby their local Member of Parliament, in our case Barry Devolin, to demand justice, not just on this day, November 11th, but 365 days a year. We require actions, not just November 11th salutes, from those who on one day each year, march alongside our Veterans and our active forces.

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State the Arts By Victoria Ward Boot Camp? NO! WordCamp

This past weekend I attended something called WordCamp in Toronto. Although kitty corner to the Occupy Toronto area, there were no 'Eat the Rich' signs or cooking over camp stoves while discussing Noam Chomsky. Instead, 300 of us

hunkered down in George Brown College to upgrade our skills and network about the wonders of WordPress.

WordPress is an open online, application that is free and 'user friendly'. You can customize a blog or website using its library of templates and components that seem to be infinite. For a creative person with some web savvy it is a great tool.

WordPress signals a new age in Internet communication. The site is constantly changing to accommodate the latest online tools and has an enormous community of designers and bloggers who volunteer their ideas and time. The non-hierarchical structure of WordPress makes sharing key to developing your own site. It is sophisticated and not anywhere near as easy to navigate as Facebook or Eblog, but if you put in the time you will get what you want on your own – almost. I say this because even though the Internet advertises itself as a DIY environment, everyone knows you need a code geek to help you.

I became interested in working in the online world when I built my own website 11 years ago. I did this because I moved here. At that time, very few people had websites. Even the galleries I dealt with were not in the game yet. However I did want to keep in contact with the people I needed to and a website was a perfect vehicle for them to see what I was up to.

In the early days I would contact a curator and have them look at my site to see if they might be interested in my work. They could then let me know if it was worth my while to put together an expensive package for them. I still had to get slides made since most people didn't have the technology for cds etc. Having the website allowed these 'gate keepers', as they are known in the online world, to take a look and see if I should go through the trouble of making a submission.

Suddenly the days of spending money into a vacuum disappeared and I was hooked. I spent a lot of time on my first site. It is still amazing to me that it took months to build when today I can put up a WordPress site in an evening. Of course there are many intricate technothings that one must understand before you get super-efficient on the web but for the most part its access is universal.

At WordCamp I met a lot of creative people. Some were in the arts, others were entrepreneurs who were establishing their own unique way of expressing themselves and their ideas. Most people were over 40 and a lot of the fellow campers I met were from remote rural areas; Nipissing, Thunder Bay and Thessalon. As an artist from Haliburton County I fit right in.

For several years now I have been hearing about how marketing on the Internet is the future. Well, the future is here and in fact marketing on the Internet isn't as simple as putting up a website and hoping for the best. In many ways I find that the Internet isn't any different than the old ways of marketing except that now everyone thinks they can do it themselves. You can't.

Optimizing your site to make it pay for itself and be effective is very challenging, and without the infrastructure of a site like WordPress almost impossible. There are a million things I keep thinking that I should be doing to optimize my own sites and while I work on some, I slack on others because I also have to make the work that makes the site great.

And there is the rub; being an artist still means being good regardless of how flashy and au courrant your site is. You still have to make great, unique work. Without that you are just one drop in a sea of bric a brac.

What is changing now is the social media aspect of the web which WordPress is designed for. Again, social media isn't just twittering away anything and everything that is happening to you. (When asked why he doesn't tweet, my brother said, "I'm just not that into me.") Social media is about finding your markets or the people online who can share with you.

Combining a wonderful application like WordPress with social media can help any creative person get established. Being a success is another matter. Success takes hard work and dedication; you still have to be 'old school'. And that will never change.

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Letters to the editor

"The amazing community we live in"

Dear Community,

As many of you might know, our family has been through the worst tragedy any family could ever go through. We have been suffering the loss of a son and brother, Ryan. There have been a few days where we didn't know how we would get by, but somehow we're figuring it out. I think it's because of the amazing community we live in. Everyone has really shown us why we are so grateful and proud to be living here. The never ending heartfelt condolences, compassion and generosity that we have been given in this time of need is priceless. It's one thing to have the most amazing family and friends to help us through this tragic time, but it is another to have the community step up the way they have. We can't begin to thank you all enough.

So from the Kennedy family we thank each and everyone of you.

Sincerely, James, Deb and Heather Kennedy

Give the first offender a break

Dear Editor / Publisher:

First of all, I would like to congratulate you both for having the courage to put your opposing views out there for your readers to consider and comment on. I find that kind of honesty refreshing, and bodes well for the integrity of the

You both provide compelling arguments to support your opinions, and that makes it a difficult and complex issue to deal with. Because circumstances vary in each case, it would be difficult to provide the same process to all cases. I am in favour of giving a first offender a break, provided the circumstances do not involve harm to others, however, should they repeat the offence, the gloves come off.

When dealing with more serious crimes, I think the public has a right to know who in the community may pose a threat to the safety of members in that community. Newspapers have a right and obligation to report those circumstances in the interest of public safety. If it turns out that the charges were false or unproven, then the newspapers have an obligation to report that as well. If the "damage is done", it is not the newspapers who have done the damage, but the judgmental nature of society who fosters this damage. That might be a good subject for an editorial, as everyone should be held accountable for their actions. We shouldn't be too quick to judge, for one day, we may be the one who is being judged.

Frank Thom Haliburton, Ontario

Highlander gets kudos

Dear Editor:

I have observed with anticipation and delight the birth of a new independent newspaper in the Highlands.

I am writing to you tonight in a state of shock and surprise that your newspaper is able, willing and daring to write thoughtful, well-crafted and well-researched opinion

The article dealing with the Occupy movement and its underlying social, economic ethical/moral forces demonstrates how important it is to our society to speak up and be heard.

It is interesting that your reference to Denmark reflects another quote I read recently, which simply stated that "there can be no civilization without taxation".

Dare I point out that the opposite attitude will have destructive results in our society, best demonstrated by a city to the south which has become obsessed with cutting services to the bone (way past the gravy), with the result that essential services to the poor and lower middle class

The quality of your article is of higher quality than one finds in our (self-proclaimed) national newspaper, and I am not referring to the National P...

Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Armin Weber

Tell us your Opinion

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TheOutsider — It's all in a road name

By Will Jones

Being relatively new to the county, I was out busy doing nothing, just seeing what there was to see, and you know what? I found myself on the aptly named, Carefree Drive. Taking the next left onto Cheerful Lane, I decided to make a detour and pop down The Beaten Path Lane to Take a Break Trail.

The sun was shining as I cruised along Calm Lane but it got a little hot so I took a left into Gentle Breeze Lane. This can't get much better, I thought, but then I saw a sign up ahead, 'Magnificent Road' it said. Now, I'm no fool, so I scooted down there and was soon on Serenity Lane and then Utopia Drive.

I thought I was on my way to Dizzy Heights Lane and Wonderland Road but I must have taken a wrong turn because I found myself on a track full of pot holes that some bright spark had named Rackety Trail Road. Then came Bumpy Lane and before long, Last Resort Trail. "Hmm, you could be lost," I mumbled to myself, pulling to a halt at the junction with Rest A While Drive.

After a brief rest (it only seemed right), I headed onwards and was happy to get to Hospitality Road. Turning off it, I stumbled upon Brewers Close, then blundered into Happy Hours Lane. My drive was looking better again but I thought I best carry on and after steering well clear of Bad Habit Trail, I decided to get on with my day and sped off down Destination Drive.

Trouble was; I think I must have had one too many

down Cider Lane 'cause driving down One Mile Drive I could have sworn it was much longer than that, and a road I thought was called Top O' The Hill Trail was most definitely deep in a marsh.

I didn't know what to do. I was well and truly lost (like that episode a while back in the Blairhamptons!). As I all but sauntered along checking out road names a pick-up or two swung past, kicking up clouds of dirt in their wake: I smiled to myself, you guessed it, Dusty Lane.

Paradise Cove Road looked like a good bet but so did Pleasure Lane, a couple of turns further on. I ummed and erred and found myself on Before Long Lane, but before long it turned into Out Of The Way Trail and then Wits End Drive!

Jees, what was I to do. This was meant to be a leisurely drive to check out my county and I was getting more and more lost by the minute.

I kept well clear of Leave It To Beaver Lane and Trisha's Trail: who knows what she did to get a road named after her. Mind you, I'd already passed turnings with the names of so many folks in town – Vasey, McCracken, Salvatori and Reesor to name but a few shady types – that any infamy via road name is probably long forgotten or well covered up.

But darn it, if I didn't find myself on Lost Trail. I began to fret as I drove higher and higher up Nearly Level Lane only to come to a junction where the only options were Hinterland Trail and Last Turn Lane.

I took Hinterland and then quickly turned onto Far

Enough Lane, hoping it would be. No such luck. After panicking and ending up in Dead End Drive, I reversed out, turned around in Small Road, or was it Petite Lane? You know where I found myself suddenly, back at The Beaten Path Lane. From there it was a breeze:

quite literally. A quick trip along Breezy Lane, followed by a short sprint along Slow Lane

and a surprisingly swift descent down Vertical Drop Drive (I should've guessed, right!).

Glad to be back on known ground, I cruised along Cheerful Lane again and then cut through to Hearts Content Drive. From there I knew my way back to Busy Road, which is always rather quiet if you ask me, and out onto the 118 just west of Haliburton.

One thing still troubled me though; I never did get to find Unknown Road.

The routes have been changed (to protect the innocent) but boy, do you folks know how to name your roads!

Letters continued

Community Care is all about "People helping People"

Dear Editor:

Last week I spent a day helping deliver meals to 15 residences in Haliburton County as part of the Community Care Haliburton Meals on Wheels program.

What really made it an extra special day for me was getting to know Bonita and Jerry – two wonderful people from Gooderham who have volunteered at Community Care for more than 10 years now. What dedication! Their obvious rapport with their clients made it very comfortable for me and I welcomed the chance to meet some of our community members whose lives are made easier by having frozen, ready-made meals delivered to their homes. Each household received a bag or two of food as well as a much-appreciated gift of a quilted placemat made by volunteer Beverley Moffet. Thanks very much to Bonita, Jerry and Beverley for your kindness and contribution to our community.

Services like Community Care make it possible for people to stay in their own homes and that's what people want if at all possible. Community Care receives funding support from a variety of sources, including the Township of Minden Hills, and the clients pay for the hard costs associated with most of the services (e.g. the cost of the food). However, what really makes the whole thing possible is the volunteer assistance – delivering meals, providing transportation assistance, and visiting people.

Community Care is all about "people helping people" and I appreciated the opportunity to see them in action. If you have some time, I know Community Care could use your help, so please contact Brigitte at 705-457-2941.

Barb Reid, Reeve Township of Minden Hills

Publish the names!

Dear Editor:

The Highlander should publish the names of all citizens charged with a crime in the county. Information regarding criminal charges is already public information provided by the OPP. By publishing such information, a newspaper is easing the dissemination of information, and is fulfilling its obligation to keep citizens informed.

When discussing the issue over the last three years, everybody I've spoken to has been in favour of publishing the names. For many, it's been one of the things that set the Voice, and now hopefully the Highlander, apart from the 'playing-it-safe' corporate-owned local newspapers.

Newspapers should be praised for having the courage to publish names. Publications do not withhold such information to protect the reputation of those who have yet to be tried in court. They withhold the information out of fear of alienating and provoking a minority. May the Highlander have the courage to resist this fear.

As Stephen Patrick wrote in his editorial, once a newspaper decides to publish the names of some of those charged, it must publish them all. To pick and choose which cases are 'in the public interest' is not the role of a small town newspaper's staff.

Regarding the issue of publishing names of those charged specifically for impaired driving, if it acts as a deterrent for one person, and prevents one fatality, it is worthwhile.

Tyson Farrell Gelert / Wa, Ghana

Reader says Times and Echo are great too – we agree

Dear Editor:

Let me add my voice, albeit discreetly, to the outspoken rabble welcoming you to the newsstands. Much handwringing, teeth-gnashing and garment-rending ensued here a few weeks ago when presented with the possibility that Mr. Jones's pen would be silenced (Can a pen be silenced? Yes, it can)

And it's good to see Stephen Patrick back again, for sure. That being said, I'm afraid I get lost when people say we need a paper that speaks to 'all Highlanders'.

Huh? Am I being obtuse here?

Because, believe me, it wouldn't be the first time. Don't those 'other' papers (Ed. note Minden Times and Haliburton Echo) - for simplicity's sake, let's refer to them here as the Hatfields and the McCoys – speak to all Highlanders? I have to say I'm a little offended! And they're not even paying me to say that! Much has been made, too, about the independentness of your paper. I guess we're giving the collective finger to 'the Man' here, are we? Okay, well, I've never been shy to use my own finger when circumstances warrant.

I welcome your new venture; I'm the first one out on a Friday looking for a copy. I will continue to support those 'other' papers too, however, because - guess what? - they cover the county. Plus, they're great. There's room for everybody. Let's all hold hands and sing Kum Ba Yah.... Okay, then, let's not.

Melanie Sedgwick Gelert



Watch local

By Bram Lebo, Publisher

The Haliburton International Film Festival was almost as enjoyable for what it didn't have as for the diverse selection of excellent movies on offer.

There were no red carpets and no security details pushing people out of the way. There were no velvet ropes or earpiece-wearing monkeys intimidating the audience at the door; no VIP lines, special lines, extraspecial lines and comp seats. There was no need to

straddle a computer like a racehorse jockey at 5 AM for the privilege of overpaying for back-row seats, service charge not included.

There were no exclusive parties, limousines or other not-very-subtle messages that we're important and you're not. No \$10 soft drinks or \$80 t-shirts. Nobody had to face the wall lest they get a free glimpse of a rapidly-decaying celebrity, naked without her magic force fields of Photoshop, fawning media hosts and digital rights management.

Instead, there was the pure enjoyment of film (and homemade snacks), at our high school, in our community, produced and delivered by a set of dedicated volunteers with hardly an ounce of Hollywood glitz between them. The audience was invited to experience as a community, not merely to consume as units of ticket sales.

That's what culture looks like in Haliburton — unpretentious, genuine, liberating. Like last week's Arty Party, HIFF delivered entertainment on our terms and succeeded wildly. Toronto, eat your heart out.

So this weekend, instead of turning on that sluice of toxic corporate culture, the box incessantly insisting that you're not rich enough, beautiful enough, clever enough or funny enough to be afforded just the smallest amount of self-worth — instead of that, head out to one of the cultural or athletic events happening right here in Haliburton County.

100% refreshing with no bitter aftertaste.

Listen to Bram's interview with HIFF organizer Tammy Rea on County Hot Seat, this Sunday, November 13 at 10pm on 100.9 Canoe FM.

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The donation will support the Seeing is Believing Campaign for new x-ray machines for the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals. The goal is \$300,000 and the total raised to date is \$110,000.

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Highlands East

County Business Survey says: "We're here for the quality of life"

By Jerry Grozelle

A survey of businesses within the County of Haliburton listed the high quality of life in The Highlands as one of the top reasons for locating here.

Dennis Casey and Larry Clarke, councillors with Dysart et al and Minden Hills, respectively, attended the Highlands East council meeting Tuesday, representing the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, to present the findings of a survey conducted by the Chamber as part of the Business Retention and Expansion Project.

The project was started in January of 2010 to determine needs, barriers and opportunities associated with the business community. "We wanted to know what was getting in the way of businesses expanding or attracting new businesses," Clarke said. "We wanted to know what we could do as a chamber and as municipalities to assist businesses. We put together a business case; we had some assistance from Andy Campbell of HCDC, and then retained the services of Dennis Casey. Dennis has done a number of surveys over time with regard to the county and has a pretty good idea about the business community."

A total of 98 businesses, or 15 per cent of the county's business community was surveyed. "We had a wide range of companies," Clarke said. "Everything from retailers to lumber to construction to arts, to you name it. We feel that we've got data that crosses most of the sectors."

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"We tried to hit everybody," Casey added. "We tried to get a good cross section of the businesses in the county."

Business profiles indicate that 43 per cent of respondents were corporations, 32 per cent sole proprietors and 16 per cent were partnerships. The majority of businesses (60 per cent) employ four or fewer people, and those that employ fewer than ten people comprise 90 per cent of the businesses surveved.

Stability in the business community is indicated by the fact that 60 per cent have been in operation for 10 or more years.

Overall, the attitude of the businesses that participated in the survey was positive. Some owners indicated that they planned to expand or invest capital in their businesses in the near future. "There is a degree of optimism within the business community," Casey said. "It's not all doom and gloom. The business community doesn't feel that way, generally," Clarke said the quality of life component is a huge factor that attracts and retains businesses

Many barriers to growth were also identified. The availability of skilled trades, the high cost of transportation, the small, seasonal market, lack of training opportunities, marketing and infrastructure were among the barriers listed.

"The business community desperately needs more trained, skilled workers," Casey said. "But do you see how much time that same business community spends on training their people? Forty-six per cent of them only train them one to 10 hours a year." He said he thought it was ironic that so few hours were invested in training and he suggested there may be a business opportunity for someone to provide customer service training.

Deputy Reeve Suzanne Partridge suggested that the cost of training may be a factor. "The margins for business people in the county are very small," she said. "It's basically subsistence, so that is a huge challenge.'

Clarke said there is a need for skills-based training but there isn't enough demand to make setting up training facilities viable. He suggested lobbying the federal and provincial governments for funding or subsidies to help employers finance in-house training. Casey suggested the county may have some influence in promoting a partnership with Fleming College to develop specific skills training programs.

Financing is another big issue. As an example, Casey said: "Chartered banks quit financing restaurants five years ago." He added that businesses often go to credit unions, the HCDC or obtain financial support from "Uncle Fred."

Lack of telecommunication infrastructure was also cited: "Lack of high speed internet across the county and the quality of cell phone service were major concerns."

Clarke said municipalities could assist by helping to promote businesses through marketing. He said since quality of life is so important, it should be a main focus of any marketing

Municipalities are taking an active role in the promotion of business within their boundaries. "All four townships have stepped up," Clarke said. "They are looking at their function in economic development. They have created or are in the process of creating economic development committees to see what they can do to support the business environment." In terms of community support, the survey indicates a need for the creation of an Economic Development Strategic Plan, the creation of a Shop Local Campaign, developing a list of products and services that are purchased outside the county, and the creation of social

networking sites.

The complete results of the survey are available on the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce website at: www. hhchamber.on.ca.



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Minden Hills

Minden Hills council news briefs

Job description splits council

The amended job description for the vacant clerk's position, which adds Economic Development Officer to the duties, drew criticism from Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch. She contended that adding the Economic Development Officer responsibilities is more than the township should expect from one person. "I do not want to sound like a broken record, but I still have grave concerns about splitting that job," Murdoch said. "I believe we need a full-time clerk and we need that person now. I know we also need an EDO, whether it's a full-time or part-time position. That's important too. That's my opinion and I would ask for a recorded vote."

Councilors Jean Neville and Lisa Schell agreed with Murdoch and voted no to the revised job description. The resulting recorded vote saw Councilors Larry Clarke, Brigitte Gall and Ken Redpath vote in favour of the combined responsibilities.

Reeve Barb Reid's yes vote ensured that the new clerk will take on both responsibilities.

Arts Calendar

Discussion regarding advertising in the 2012 Arts Council's Events Calendar resulted in differing opinions from members of Minden Hills Council.

Councillor Lisa Schell said the municipality received no benefit from the ad in last year's calendar. She agreed with a memo from the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, which stated: "The Cultural Centre will not be listing our events in the events calendar but will be putting in a small generic ad promoting our website. This keeps the most accurate information for the public. It has been noted that Dysart has dropped out from the promotion of this. We get zero response from this marketing tool."

Councillor Brigitte Gall said that it would help to promote the Arts and she favoured supporting the calendar.

In regard to including the calendar in the tax bills, Reeve Barb Reid said: "It is a way to reach

Striking CAS workers turn down latest offer

By Terrance Gavan

The Children's Aid Society has been on strike since mid-October and there appears no easy and is in sight

In a vote taken Thursday (Nov 10), the striking Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 334 members rejected the latest offer from management.

A Canadian Press news story reported that Jennifer Smith, president of the OPSEU local, and her bargaining committee had recommended rejection of the offer.

The CAS workers have been on strike over issues such as job security, workload, hours of work and layoffs. The workers voted to strike in mid-October because they said that CAS management was uninterested in pursuing talks at the table.

"OPSEU represents frontline social workers, child-protection workers and accountants serving 4,300 children in the Peterborough area," said the report.

Kawartha-Haliburton CAS workers rejected the Thursday offer rather than accept an agreement that includes a two-year freeze on wages with concessions by CAS management on workloads.

No dates have been set for future negotiations between the agency and Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 334, said CAS Executive Director Hugh Nicholson on Thursday

"We're so far apart that I think we need to do some hard thinking before we begin to set those" said Nicholson.

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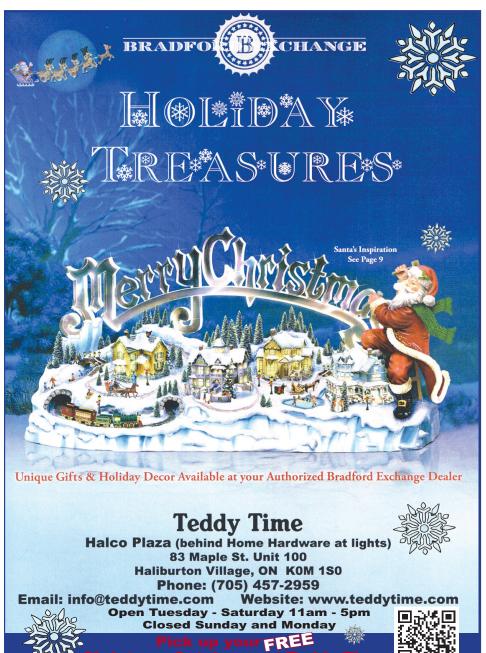
Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard pointed out that it does cost the municipality to include items such as the calendar in its mail-outs. She said the stuffing of the envelopes is contracted out and the more that is included, the more it costs. She added that additional weight also results in higher postal fees.

"I know Dysart has said no [to including the calendar in tax bills] this year, but it has subsequently come to light that some of the rationale for saying no has been proven to be not based on anything sustainable," Reid said. She argued that anyone is able to advertise in the calendar.

"It's not a closed shop," she said. "It's a source of revenue for the Arts Council because they sell advertising on that and that's how they get their events out there. It is a tool for a lot of people in the community who don't have advertising budgets and who operate home-based businesses. Is it going to kill the Arts Council if we don't do it? No, I don't think so, but it's one thing we can do at the municipal level to support an important sector of tourism."

She said there is really no way to know how many people come to the area because of the calendar. Council finally agreed to partner with the Arts Council once again.





Highlander arts

Is Stephen Harper watching you?

Canadian crusader thinks so

By Terrance Gavan

I met Franke James last Saturday in Minden.

And she doesn't look dangerous. She assures me she's not related to the famous Jesse James and points out, quite properly, that Jesse's brother – Frank - spelled his name without the "e" on board.

So why oh why has the Prime Minister of Canada, – the buck stops with Stephen Harper after all - under the aegis of John Baird's Foreign Affairs department - labeled this mild mannered, middle-aged artist, activist and writer as a threat to Canada's foreign policy initiatives?

It is alleged that John Baird's Foreign Affairs wing actively advocated against Ms. James's planned trip to Croatia in the summer of 2011.

Why? Well, let's see. Franke James says the tar sands are "a disgrace. A national embarrassment. A crock." The Canadian government does not look favorably upon artists, environmentalists and pundits who advocate against their job-heavy and revenue generating Mordor. So they don't like Franke James. It's okay. They don't like David Suzuki either.

Freedom of speech is a powerful and intrinsic tenet of democracy. Ms James says that she was censured by a bureaucratic arm of Canada's Foreign Affairs department because she was invited by a Croatian Non Governmental Organization (NGO) to speak on the environment and display her art. Ms James alleges that the trip to Croatia planned for last summer was effectively scuppered by Foreign Affairs Canada. That would be John Baird's

It's the devil of a tale. Franke James sat down with me last Saturday to clear up the finer points.

James was invited to display her environmental work to a Croatian educational NGO "Nektarina Non Profit." It planned to display James's original art pieces as part of an Eastern and Central European youth workshop tour.

The Toronto Star reported on July 28 that, "Months before that, Nektarina sought a small amount of funding and a nod of approval — key to leveraging other private and government support — from the Canadian embassy

Nektarina's Sandra Antonovic, James's liaison and the person in charge of international projects, told

the Toronto Star in an interview that "Canadian embassy officials were enthusiastic, and said Canada would back the tour and Nektarina's promotion of a Canadian artist. Antonovic says, however, that despite a verbal indication in May that the project might receive \$5,000 from the embassy, instructions quickly came from Ottawa that James would get no money and no nod from the Canadian government."

"Who was the idiot who approved an art show by



Franke James was at the Minden Cultural Centre for a workshop last Saturday. / Terrance Gavan.

that woman, Franke James?" a senior Canadian official was quoted as saying by Antonovic's contacts in the Zagreb embassy. "Don't you know this lady speaks against the Canadian government?"

James told me Saturday, "(That) really took me aback because I didn't know the government knew who I was, let alone hated me." In that same interview Antonovic told the Star that on July 11, "Nektarina's private

> sponsor notified Antonovic that a Canadian official had contacted it directly, leading it to yank its sponsorship funds to avoid 'further damage for our company."

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James says that Antonovic expressed her dismay and apologized to Franke. What she told the Star was revealing. "I would expect that from the Putin government or a country like Kazakhstan, but I didn't expect that from Canadians."

The Department of Foreign Affairs told the Star that, "Funding was never withdrawn, nor was it guaranteed. Ultimately, Canadian missions did not fund this artist's European tour," department spokesperson Jean-François Lacelle said in an email.

James asked Antonovic at the time: "Why would they say that?"

"Oh Ottawa is very unhappy with your visual essay to the Prime Minister (Steven Harper)," said Antonovic. Her trip was ultimately cancelled, and James's only recourse was to attempt to get to the bottom of what looked to her like a looming conspiracy emanating from a branch of Foreign Affairs Canada.

James was miffed and dug deeper. She's a dynamic artist and a tireless researcher. So she used her expertise and her pull in Canada's artistic community and in the environmental movement. As the government pulled back and started a campaign of denial, in the summer it served only to convince Franke James that something was afoot.

Foreign Affairs continued their barrage of denials. On July 31, Foreign Affairs said in the Vancouver Sun: "Allegations of a political conspiracy against Ms James are a fantasy of her own making."



"Actually," insists Ms James, "the government did approve my show." How do we know? Because Ms James' has about 163 pages of emails – some redacted for "national security reasons" - from the office in question.

She says that she obtained the emails – fittingly on Halloween Night - through an Access to Information request, which show that \$5,000 in funding was given the green light on April 29 for her show. Further emails prove that a government official reversed that decision some three days later.

It's puzzling, fussy, funny and fuzzy, but there is little doubt that a Canadian housewife, artist and environmentalist came under some selective scrutiny from Foreign Affairs. Why? Well, we can all surmise, and even a five year old can draw the straight line from Ottawa's 24 Sussex Drive - home of our cashmere mannequin - to Fort MacMurray.

Now, I got to know Franke James just a little last Saturday here in Minden. She arrived in Minden on Friday night after a bus ride —carbon offsetted - from Ottawa.

Last week an artistic group of supporters helped Franke James get her own back.

To spread the word about her alleged targeting, she raised \$4,226 to put up a lovely show of her "banned art," which will be on display in bus shelters fronting Parliament Hill in Ottawa until November 27.

And dammit! Too bad ol' Blister-Hair don't walk to work. He might, like other students, educators and artists across Canada, be summarily moved by Franke James one woman show.

"I hope to raise awareness about this blacklisting and silencing of environmental voices and also my particular situation," she says.

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"I see myself as one of many now part of The Harper Blacklisted Club," smiles James. "There are a number of people in Canada – scientists, artists and speakers - who only want to tell the truth as we see it.

"I thought that free speech was a basic right of a democratic country."

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Around the county

Parker Pad donates to incubator

To celebrate Parker Pad & Printing's second year in the Highlands, the company has made a \$2,000 donation to the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator.

Janis Parker, owner of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd., announced the news earlier this week.

"When I opened up my Haliburton facility on Mallard Road two years ago, I decided to make an annual donation from my company to a worthy local cause," said Parker, who presented \$1,000 to SIRCH Community Services's community kitchen program last November — at the same time her Haliburton office had its one-year anniversary.

"The Haliburton Creative Business Incubator is doing great





Incubator General Manager Mike Jaycock, left, and HCDC General Manager Andy Campbell, right, accept a cheque from Janis Parker.

things to support and mentor young entrepreneurs in our community – and that is something I am proud to make an investment in," added Parker.

The Haliburton Creative Business Incubator is a program

of the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) that was founded to provide a "sustainable environment in which new and emerging companies can develop and achieve growth." The incubator provides its clients with office space on Mountain Street (in the former location of the Dysart library), access to business support and coaching and broadband internet service.

Mike Jaycock, general manager of the incubator, says that Parker Pad & Printing's financial contribution will be put to good use when a new tenant settles in to the incubator's mentorship program.

"If we get a deserving applicant, particularly if they're out of the area, this might be encouragement for them to not only come to the

incubator but to the county," said Jaycock, who explained that he is in talks with two out-of-town artists.

The incubator currently has two vacant spots in its mentorship program.

"These funds [the \$2,000] would go to defray their incubator costs, which includes a monthly rental fee," he said.

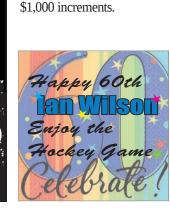
Start-up businesses are often "strapped for cash," said Jaycock, listing some of the many expenses such as legal fees, bookkeeping and equipment purchases.

In addition to ongoing support from HCDC, the incubator has three sponsors: The Rotary Club of Haliburton, RBC

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Aging Well By Penny Brown

The appearance of aging skin: don't blame yourself

Dear Penny,

Maybe this is a first and I don't want to sound vain but I'm five years younger than my wife and I look ten years older than her. My face is all lined and wrinkled and my skin is very dry and hers is still smooth and nice. Maybe it's my own fault but I don't know what I'm doing wrong. I use her face soap and it seems to work for her but not for me. Are there exercises you know about to smooth out some of the lines? Should I ask her to buy some face cream for me? I'd be too embarrassed to buy it myself.

Roadmap Roy

Dear Roadmap Roy,

You are not the first person to ask me to set up a program of facial exercises designed to ward off the inevitable wrinkles of time.

Although I have been unable to find any statistics to substantiate the validity of facial exercises, or for that matter, statistics to prove they are invalid, it has been my experience that exercises of the facial muscles are of no practical value in slowing down the apparent aging

On the other hand, I have worked with patients suffering from paralysis of the facial muscles. The affected side is amazingly free of wrinkles and youthfully smooth. Similarly, older people suffering with Parkinson's disease often have a lack of expression on their face and lack wrinkles as well. It would seem that relaxation, not exercise, retards the wrinkling

There are many factors that combine to give the appearance of aging skin. Heredity,

exposure to the elements, everyday pressures or emotional strain, inherent constitution, and many other components all affect how and when your face begins to show lines.

Take a good look in the mirror. Aren't your facial lines just where your muscles are working most? If you are a smiler, you've got laugh lines. If you are quick to anger, there is probably a vertical line carved between your eyebrows. If you squint, you have crow's feet. And if

you an expert at hiding your feelings so nobody knows what is going on behind that cool exterior, you may be unusually free of wrinkles.

If your skin is dry, as it often is in winter, creams or moisturizers are a good idea. They are pleasant to use, feel good on your face, and do make your skin look fresher even if it's only a temporary fix. Learning to relax entirely and totally is also worthwhile. When you feel generally relaxed, it usually shows on your face.

In good conscience, I cannot recommend any facial exercises for you. Blame your lines on heredity or on the sun. Blame them on years of enjoying the healthy outdoors. But don't blame them on yourself.

Short of surgery, there is not much you can do to eliminate those wrinkles so try to learn to love your lines. Your wife probably does because they give your face character.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca





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Sports opinion

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A line... a line! My Reeboks for a line!

Hey Coach, can a brotha' find a spot somewhere?



By: Terrance Gavan

I hate mangling Shakespeare. But for two of Haliburton's living hockey legends, we shall play Catesby to our poor Richard III.

"Withdraw, my lord, good coach; I'll help you to a skate." "Withdraw? Withdraw? Mothinks yon? Catochy you

"Withdraw? Withdraw? Methinks yon' Catesby you asketh too much from two NHL

coaches, who sally forth daily into the fray of chalk, ice and yon wily pundits bearing large microphones like cudgels from some bygone era. Worse, young Catesby. These cudgels seem attached umbilically to yon Internet; hark what quotes like arrows pierce unholy nights and whisper to young men from Come by Chance to Molly's Reach!"

You get the rap. We're talking about Cody Hodgson and Matthew Duchene. Mostly we speak to their employers, the Vancouver Canucks and Colorado Avalanche respectively. Hodgson and Duchene: A pair of nines seeking solace from twin bulls, Alain Vigneault (Vancouver coach) and Joe Sacco (Duchene's bench boss on Denver).

NHL coaches are famous for their own natty mangling of long held aphorisms. To wit: "If it ain't broke? Let's fix it." Coaches call it "tinkering" or "fine-tuning." See, coaches really don't have much to say. They are given a team by their GM. They are asked to win a Stanley Cup; or make the playoffs; or hide deficiencies. When things aren't headed in the right direction? They "make changes" and the most obvious way for a coach to make a change is? Shuffle the

Bringing us to Duchene and Hodgson, doppelgangers, former Brampton Battalion teammates and natural centers. Right now they labour for teams that are knee deep in pocket players.

Duchene is just coming off a milestone game. His first career hat-trick plus an assist — a four point night — in a 7-6 loss to Dallas Stars. Now, Duchene is a serial slow starter, but has always found his groove. Last year he led the Avs in scoring as a center.

His best night ever in the pros? Found him playing left wing. Sacco at one point this season removed him from the power play and placed him on the fourth line. Sacco said at the time that they expected more from their highly touted commodity. The Haliburton Hurricane explained that he's prone to slow starts, but stated flatly that it wasn't something he planned out in the off season.

Anyway, even law and order coaches realize pretty quick that pushing a franchise player to the fourth line is a little akin to cutting off your nose, to spite your oft-stitched journeyman's mug. So Sacco moved him to left wing and now? Guess who looks like a genius? Matty Duchene once again let his feet and his carbonated-titanized Reebok stick do his talking.

"I've had some tough luck this year, even tonight," Duchene said after the 7-6 loss to Dallas. "I feel like I could've had two more. It was nice from that perspective, but it's too bad we lost. If we find a goal in OT there or in a shootout and win that game, it's hands-down the most fun I've ever had playing a hockey game in my life." Matt Duchene with five goals and seven assists in 15 games. He leads the Avs, again. Joe? Tread lightly.

Meanwhile, Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson has finally broken down that barrier of non-confidence, which stood so long between the Canucks' first draft in 2008 and head knock Vigneault. Hodgson, way back then, was touted as the Canucks' savior. A no miss kid, a CHL Player of the Year who outgunned every other player, including John Tavares, on a strong gold medal-winning Canadian Junior Team in 2008.

But Vigneault never quite accepted Hodgson. This year Hodgson's stock went up with a promise to start the season as center on the Canucks second line. Ryan Kesler was out with an injury and Hodgson played in his vacated spot.

Since then? Like Duchene, Hodgson has been on the coach's merry-go-round. Bumped to the third line, bumped to the wing and shuffled seemingly according to the whim of west coast zephyrs. Vigneault has the luxury of a first line Henrik and Daniel Sedin with Alex Burrows who have between them 16 goals and 28 assists in 15 games.

So Vigneault can afford to shuffle the deck in search of the final fit. Hodgson, like the rest of the bottom six forwards — lines two and three - will bounce around like Super Marios for the nonce.

In Cody's favor? The fact that he has all of a sudden stiffarmed his way into Vigneault's good books. And he is fast becoming a fan and pundit favorite in Van City.

Also, the young man is playing his game, working his Gary Roberts diet and wielding his extra sensory ice radar with reckless aplomb.

He's got three goals and four assist in 15 games. But he's seeing time on the second power play. He's killing some penalties. He's fifth in team scoring.

In short, it appears that Cody Hodgson, like Duchene, has put some ghosts in his rear view mirror.

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Dr Ed Smolen Peewee A's Split double header

This weekend saw Dr Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Peewee A's play host to the Parry Sound Shamrocks for two games on Sunday November 6, the first in Haliburton and the second in Minden.

The first game was fast paced with the Highland Storm out-skating the Shamrocks, but this was not enough. Parry Sound scored first, and then added a second, but the Storm answered back with three goals of their own. Marksmen were Kyle Cooper, Josh Boice and Matt Wilbee with assists to Jake Bull, Chase Burden and Ethan Keefer. The game continued to be fast. Parry Sound fought back with four goals in the second period to our one, by Josh Boice assisted by Jake Bull.

The Storm boys managed two more goals by Matt Wilbee and Ethan Keefer in the third but it was not enough and the game ended 7 – 6 for Parry Sound. Assists went to Ethan Keefer, Chris Thompson and Matt Wilbee

In the second game the Storm boys worked hard and played fast, making for an exciting game. The Storm scored the first two goals, one by Greg Crofts and the second by Josh Boice, but Parry Sound soon answered with goals of their own. The Storm played with determination. Goalie Parker Smolen worked hard to keep the opponents pucks out and it paid off, the Storm came away with a well-earned win of 6-5. Other goals went to Max MacNaull, Chris Thompson, Chase Burden (assisted by Josh Boice) and Kyle Cooper (assisted by Greg Crofts). Our next game is Sunday, November 13 in Haliburton against Bracebridge.



Floyd Hall Insurance Storm Atom AE dominate in Gravenhurst

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Gravenhurst faced a strong Highland Storm Atom AE team on Sunday at the Minden arena, with Highland Storm winning 11-0. Goalie Jaxson Campbell was flawless earning a shutout. Jake O'Neill earned a three goal hat-trick with some hard long-range shots. Nigel Smith and William Petrie scored two goals each while Miki Bukta, Braeden Robinson, Jordy Schell and Paul Turner scored one each. The team kept the pressure on throughout, and showed some good passing in the game.

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Sports news

Field Hockey Hawks ousted in OFSAA lightning round

Still have Bahamas tourney on March break



By Terrance Gavan

Pickering 3 – Haliburton 2; Trafalgar 4 - Hawks 0; Haliburton 2 - Brother Andre 0

Caley Sisson is not feeling so good.

But no, it has absolutely nothing to do with her field hockey Hawks sojourn to the OFSAA provincial field hockey trials.

Nope. Sisson has the flu.

We talked with Sisson on Tuesday and she's just now getting back to her old self. Last weekend she was forced to withdraw herself from the sidelines in the Hawks' only round robin victory over Brother Andre, a 2-0 squeaker.

But Sisson was there on Thursday for an all-important lightning round clash with Pickering Collegiate. They lost that contest 3-2 forcing them into a must-win game against perennial powerhouse and Bronze medal winner Trafalgar, for their second round robin clash. They lost 4-0 to.

"We knew our first game was critical," says Sisson. "It was played on turf, which was a new experience for us and we had to adjust some of our sets and strategies to accommodate the turf."

Sisson explains that her girls literally "left everything on the field." The Hawks had a lead, and lost a lead, during the game. They pressed and pressed for that tying goal and had numerous chances but according to Sisson, it just slipped out of grasp. "I thought they played an exceptional game and I was impressed with their effort," says Sisson.

Positives? Of course. Sisson says we have to remember that this is a team that's young, and they won't be losing a large number of players next year.

"We're losing Grace Diezel, Lily Coneybeare and Vicky Bukta," says Sisson. They could also be without the services of netminder Jen Woolacot, but Sisson says that decision has not been made. She could take a "victory lap" (formerly Grade 13) this year.

If she does, here's what the Hawks have returning woolacot has recorded twin shutout seasons. No goals against in both the 2010 and 2011 campaigns. This year

she did not give up a goal in Kawartha finals or the COSSA tourney.

The Hawks are also the recipient of players moving up from coach Steve Smith's junior varsity contingent. Smith's Hawks have won four straight Kawartha JV crowns.

Sisson explains that it's also the first time a Haliburton team has scored a goal in the OFSAA tournament and thus the win over Brother Andre was their inaugural provincial tourney victory.

Sandy Griffith scored two goals, Tanisha Gordon and Grace Diezel both notched markers in the tourney as well

Sisson said the Trafalgar Team was ranked third going into the tournament, and both Trafalgar and Pickering met in the bronze medal match.

If the Hawks had managed to beat Pickering? Well, who knows. Sisson says that, "the win and the play is going to be very important for us next year. If we make it back to OFSAA this season we'll be going there with a team that knows they can compete at that level, with girls who all have that OFSAA experience."

The only thing that won't change however is the fact that Hal High is a double A school and they are facing off against much bigger schools with entrenched programs. But Sisson was feisty about next year and that certainly bodes well for next season.



"We were definitely one of the smaller teams at the tournament this year, but if we can go to a tourney like that and put on a show, well, I'm really looking forward to next year and so are the girls," says Sisson. She says that if they make it back they might also be ranked higher in the seedings.

And hey, this season ain't quite over yet. The Hal High girls will be traveling to Barbados on March Break to attend a very prestigious field hockey tourney. And that's some wowser news.

"Oh the girls are all looking forward to it," laughs Sisson.

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County health

How I am Preparing for the Flu Season

Paul Rosebush - CEO / HHHS

Every year in the fall people begin to think about flu season and many more people plan and take determined steps to prevent the flu because they don't want to get sick. The flu season usually starts in the late fall and can last throughout the entire winter season.

If you have ever had the flu before you know you don't want to get it again because it is a horrible experience. Once it arrives, an influenza outbreak tends to spread quickly through a community, reaching its peak in about 3 weeks time and then gradually subsiding over an equal number of weeks.

During such an outbreak, much illness and even death can result depending on a variety of risk factors. We are all susceptible to the flu virus because it spreads so easily. It can be passed to us if a person with the flu virus coughs or sneezes around us or we touch a contaminated surface like a door knob or a computer or a telephone.

The flu virus is airborne and enters through our nose or our mouth and if we have touched a contaminated surface and then touch our nose or mouth it can be passed that way too.

I recall during my first year here in 2009 the health care community came together to prepare for the H1N1 Flu virus. Although we had had warnings earlier in the year that a difficult flu season was predicted and had mobilized all the local health providers to react cohesively to a potential outbreak, by the time it arrived in mid-October of that year its spread was extremely rapid and many people became sick.

It hit school children hard and our patient volumes in our Minden and Haliburton hospitals more than doubled even though we had worked with our community partners to establish dedicated flu centers.

When the flu hits a community it is serious business because of the toll it takes on a sick person, and because of the additional family resources it takes to look after a sick family member, as well as the loss of productivity in the workplace that can occur.

During a flu outbreak employers often find it challenging to obtain replacement staff, which can affect the daily operations of both our public services and local business. It can also stress the capacity of health services providers who find in times of a sudden outbreak that they have many more patients to accommodate. Therefore, doing everything we can to stop the spread of the flu virus really becomes our duty as responsible citizens of our community.

As the CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services and two long term care homes I don't want to do anything personally to compromise the health of our staff or the many people we provide services to.

To ensure that I am prepared for the flu season every year I do the same two things to get ready. First I get a flu shot because it is the

best way to prevent the flu according to health experts; and secondly I wash my hands frequently throughout the day during flu season. These are two easy and painless steps that don't take much time but have a big impact on our own health and the health of others. It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible because it can take up to two weeks for the vaccine to build up sufficient antibodies to strengthen your immune system so you are better prepared to fight it.

At HHHS we strongly encourage all of our staff to get the flu vaccine because they are in a high risk group because of their regular contact with sick people and because we also don't want our staff passing the virus on to others. Last year we had a very successful flu vaccine campaign where 75% of our staff got the vaccine. This rate was much higher than the provincial average.

We hope to achieve similar positive results again this year. If you don't think getting a flu shot is the right thing for you please consider speaking with your physician or registered health care specialist about your concerns or

For detailed information on Influenza please visit the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit web-site at www.hkpr.on.ca or visit www.ontario.ca/flu where you can learn more about how to prevent and cope with the flu and where and when flu vaccination clinics will be held in your community.

The Highlander Community Calendar

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November 2011

Nov 3 - Dec 17

 Agnes Jamieson Gallery Members' Show, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 705-286-2808, www.mindenculturalcentre.com, ending December 17

Nov 18 - 20

Christmas Open House – Earth & Fire Pottery, 705-489-3177 and Rickie Woods, Potter, 705-286-1556

Friday 11

- Remembrance Day Service, 10:45 am, Cenotaph. Lunch to follow at the Haliburton
- Haliburton Legion Play Pool! 1:30 pm

Saturday 12

- · Haliburton Legion Meat Draw, 2:00 pm
- · Women over Breakfast: Haliburton Women in Business, Kosy Korner Restaurant, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, 705-754-9519 or 705-457-4838, wob@haliburtonwomeninbusiness.ca
- Kinmount Legion Turkey Dinner, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, 705-488-3462, kcathyspalace@aol.
- Open Stage, Hair Lounge, Carnarvon, 8:00 pm, 705-457-7587 or 705-48901963

- · Haliburton Legion LA Breakfast, 9:00 am to
- A Christmas Carol Razzamataz Kids Shows, Friday 18 Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, www.razzamataz.ca
- Country Music Jamboree, SG Nesbitt Arena, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, 705-286-1544, lindamuggins@hotmail.com

Monday - 14

- · Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7:00 to 10:00 pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca
- · Cloggers, 7:00 pm
- Cribbage Night, Minden Legion, 7:30 pm

- Art Club for Kids, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, 705-286-3763
- Canoe FM Annual General Meeting, Fish Hatchery, 5:00 pm, 705-457-9603, www. canoefm.com
- Euchre Night, West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7:00 to 10:00 pm, 705-754-1457, carolstamp@sympatico.ca

Wednesday 16

- Story Circle, 11:30 a.m., Gooderham Public
- Art & Tea, Rails End Gallery, for adults who like to talk about art and drink tea
- Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Rails End Gallery
- Red Hats of Haliburton County, 705-457-9595 or 705-754-4957, www.redhatsociety.
- Darts, Haliburton Legion, 7:30 pm

- Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Presentation on Hawk Identification, Haliburton Museum, 7:30 pm
- Crafty Girls Club, Art Hive, 705-754-0021
- · Euchre Nights, Minden Legion, 7:30 pm

- · Peace, Love & Acoustic Guitar, McKeck's, 8:00 pm, 705-457-0260, sadamsywcahal@ bellnet.ca, www.ywcapeterborough.org
- Shepherd's Table Community Supper, Lakeside Baptist Church, 5:30 pm, 705-

Saturday 19

- Minden Legion, Branch 636 Craft Sale, Minden Community Centre, 705-286-4541
- · Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon, St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 10:00 am - 2:00
- Crafty Christmas Sale, Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre, Gooderham, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, 705-447-2906, marilyn.wooder@gmail.com
- Craft & Bake Sale, Norland School Hall Community Centre, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, 705-454-3206
- Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, Gooderham United Church, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Pirate Party, Minden Early Years Centre,
- 10:00 am to noon, 705-286-1770, oeycminden@bellnet.ca
- Karaoke Night with Gord Bartley, Kinmount Legion, 8:00 pm, 705-488-2810, kcathyspalace@aol.com
- Open Mike Nite, Dominion Hotel, Minden, 705-286-5035, shawn@light.on.ca

Sunday 20

 Joseph's Incredible Journey & Chili Lunch, St. George's Church, 11:00 am Chili Lunch, 11:45 am Movie, 705-457-2074, www.

Monday 21 - 26

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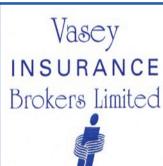
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